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Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter

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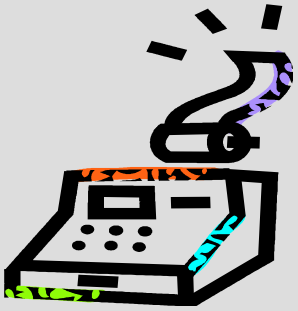
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT



TRADING POST

PART-TIME CASHIER

Duties: Operates cash register, performs daily clean-up around register area, transfer ice daily and bags groceries as needed.

Qualifications: 18 years of age, High School diploma or GED. Must be respectful to customers, dependable, motivated and able to work independently.

DEADLINE FOR PART-TIME CASHIER IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2007.

For an application, view our website @ www.chitimacha.gov, or visit the Human Resources Department at 105 Houma Drive, Charenton, LA. Applications may be submitted via:

Fax #: (337) 924-9420, in person or
Mail to:

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
Attention: Human Resources
P.O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523

PERFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED NATIVE AMERICANS.

SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT AND RANDOM DRUG TESTING.

A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION WILL BE REQUIRED.

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS

AUGUST 2007

For the month of August 2007, the following traffic citations were issued---five citations for speeding, two citations for failure to stop at a stop sign, and one citation for driving without a drivers license.

The following arrests were logged for August 2007:

One male subject arrested for disturbing the peace.
Two male subjects arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting.
08-08-07 One male subject arrested for indecent exposure.
08-08-07 One male subject arrested for criminal trespassing and criminal mischief.
08-08-08 One male subject arrested on an outstanding warrant for possession of marijuana.
One male subject arrested on an outstanding warrant for distribution of cocaine.
One 15 year old male juvenile arrested for disorderly conduct and curfew violation.
Two male subjects arrested for simple battery.
One male subject arrested on an outstanding warrant for simple criminal damage to property.

CONGRATUALTIONS TO COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER JADA BREAUX

Jada completed 13 weeks of training with the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office 45th Basic Training Academy and on Thursday, August 23, 2007, successfully completed the State of Louisiana Peace Officer Standards and Training Council examination to become a P.O.S.T. certified police officer in the state of Louisiana. Great job Jada!

DON'T BE SPOOKED BY DANGERS LURKING ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT
Article from Louisiana Safe Kids, Inc. News

Halloween can be a real scare for kids who don't keep safety in mind when they hit the streets. Children are four times more likely to be hit by a car on Halloween night than on any other night of the year. Adults and children should work together to replace the dangers of Halloween with fun. And remember that kids under age 12 should not go trick-or-treating without adult supervision.

Create an eerie glow.....

Safety may not be a concern for kids looking forward to buckets of treats, but a little creativity will help keep your young trick-or-treaters out of harm's way. Help them add pizzazz and safety to their costumes with accessories made of **retro reflective tape and stickers.** Adhere the stickers and tape to the fronts and backs of costumes and treat bags.

Brightly colored or light costumes also help make children stand out against the black night; at least one light color should be worn. Finish off the effect with flashlights, one for each trick-or-treater in your house.

Brake for sneaky automobiles.....
Kids should always stop at street corners before crossing, look left and right before crossing the street, and cross only at intersections and crosswalks. Those habits are especially important to practice on Halloween night, when cars must share street space with streams of kids more focused on sugar than safety. Kids should also avoid crossing between parked cars and darting out into streets. Advise kids to **opt for sidewalks** when possible and to avoid crossing lawns. When it's necessary to walk in the street, waving flashlights is a good way to make sure kids are seen.

Avoid becoming a walking mummy.....
Halloween is the perfect time for kids to reinvent themselves into their favorite fantasy characters, but adults should keep safety in mind when helping children select costumes. Heavy, bulky costumes, costumes that are less than 4 to 6 inches off the floor and blinding masks inhibit safe foot travel in dark neighborhoods. **Face paint is safer than masks** because it doesn't obstruct vision. If masks are worn, make sure that eye holes are large enough to allow full vision and that masks fit securely. Check to see if kids can see well before starting out; and **stop to fix costumes as soon as something slips or breaks.** Hats and shoes should also fit well–adult shoes are fun for kids, but they make tripping and falling more likely.

Frighten away potential safety problems with smart weapons.....
All props children carry, such as knives and swords, should be flexible. Keep in mind that anything kids carry can injure them if they fall. Ward off fire, a potential danger with the many jack o' lanterns around, by purchasing only flame-resistant materials for costumes. Flame-resistant materials are identified as such on their labels.

Don't be a goblin behind the wheel.....
Traffic is inevitable on Halloween night, so it's essential that drivers are particularly responsible during peak trick-or-treating hours. Drive slowly in residential neighborhoods, obeying traffic laws as normal, and watch for children walking in the street or on medians and curbs. **Take special care when entering and exiting driveways and alleyways.** Keep in mind that, while you are driving responsibly, not all drivers are. Teach children to **exit and enter the car on the curb side,** away from traffic.

The date and time for observing Halloween on the reservation will be announced at a later date. Notices will be given to children at the tribal school and the daycare and also posted at the Trading Post and all the business offices on the reservation.

HAVE A HAUNTING GOOD HALLOWEEN!

Chitimacha Tribal School

Eagle Pride…Eagle Spirit!

Fall – 2007

CTS NEWS

Our first few weeks in Kindergarten at the Chitimacha Tribal School, CTS, have gotten off to a fantastic start! Our classroom is filled with 13 little busy bees that are ready to learn. We have spent the first few weeks getting acquainted and learning routines and procedures. At CTS, we recognize outstanding students that are honored by being named "Star Student"…Our first "Star Student" for kindergarten is Jasmine Derouen! Congratulations Jasmine! Also, the kindergarten students were able to show off their talents for their families at Grandparents Day. The kindergarten students performed two cute songs accompanied with dance which entertained their families, leaving huge smiles on their faces! Family, friends, students, and staff were able to enjoy an afternoon visit complete with juice and cookies.

"Sharing Time with Grandparents"

Mrs. Keeri's 5th graders are off to a great start!! The first week of school was very productive. After going over the rules and procedures for class, students got down to business by starting to learn new things. Speaking of new things, students are enjoying our new social studies textbooks. It was exciting to see that the Chitimacha culture was included in this textbook and that thousands of other children will actually be learning about our tribe this year. We also have new science textbooks which have lots of activities and experiments students will be doing. The first thing we are talking about is why asking a question is so important in the field of science. Think about this…What if no one ever questioned anything? Without questions we would never learn anything new. **The most important inventions began with a question!**

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students in Mrs. Janeen's language arts classes have been quite busy. They are putting the finishing touches on their descriptive writing projects, which incorporates technology as well as writing skills. The students are also adjusting to the new web-based Accelerated Reading program that allows them to test on books beyond those found in our school library. What a wonderful opportunity this new program is for our young and old readers alike!

Our eighth grade science students began the year with a challenge "Can you construct a container that will keep a raw egg intact when dropped from 8 ft. in the air?" The "Great Egg Drop" was held during the first week of school and proved to be more difficult than it seemed. Students were required to set up the activity as a science lab experiment. They began the test with a scientific question, hypothesized an answer to that question, listed the procedures needed to be followed during test, and recorded all results. Karli Mensman's container, made from plastic straws and masking tape, was the only structure successful at protecting the egg!

7th Grade…Working hard at making maps of early explorers

Open House

A "gigantic" thanks goes out to our supportive parents! Open House for CTS was held on September 12, 2007 where parents were able to hear the latest CTS news and updates. They also visited their child's classroom and met with their child's teachers. Forty-two families were present for this event, 72% of our schools family population. We are so successful because our team of students, staff, and parents work as an exceedingly resourceful team!

Prayer around the flag ceremony

A beautiful morning, a beautiful ceremony! On the morning of September 11, 2007, students, staff, and the Chitimacha community participated in their annual "Prayer Around the Flag Pole" ceremony. On this day of remembrance a focus on prayer took center stage embracing how important prayer is in everyone's lives. Mrs. Tanya Rosamond welcomed everyone to the ceremony and introduced Chief Lonnie Martin who led the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance for the ceremony was the Chitimacha Tribal Council, which includes Tricia Mora, John Paul Darden, Charles Johnson, and Jules Darden; Chitimacha Tribal School Board members Cliff Burgess, Nicole Herbert, Bethany Darby, Jill Louviere, and Kitty Vilcan; Mrs. Sam Boutte, Chitimacha Language Teacher; Brother Bobby Hodnett, Pastor of Little Pass Baptist Church; and Mamie Soprano, tribal member (honorary speaker). Mrs. Sam led the audience in the Chitimacha pledge followed by Mrs. Soprano's heart-felt speech on the importance of prayer. Student, Jasi Anderson, sang the national anthem, and her brother Jovan Anderson played a beautiful piece on his Native American flute (pictured below with Chief Martin). The ceremony was a brief but powerful moment for many as they stopped to recognize those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, our communities, and our culture.

Principal's Note

School is off and running and running fast. Students and teachers have been working really hard during the first four weeks of school. We have already had several memorable events occur at school. We love the participation we have received from these activities. CTS has 35 to 40 participants in the after school/homework center program. Thanks everyone for a great job!!

HOUSING NEWS

By: Marilyn Burgess

I am writing this article to inform everyone of how the funding for housing is obtained. First of all, the Housing Authority receives only federal dollars from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. We do not receive any tribal dollars.

At the inception of the Housing Authority in 1984, the Authority would compete with all tribes from across the country in order to obtain funding. The funds were awarded to tribes that were successful in their administrative capabilities, which Chitimacha was very successful. The successful operations of the Housing Authority afforded us opportunities to construct several phases of housing. This process was very beneficial to many tribes, especially the smaller ones.

Since then, times have changed dramatically. There are no more programs like the ones in the past that would allow several homes to be built at one time that would allow for $100.00 a month mortgages.

The Dept. of Housing and Urban Development now operates their housing programs through NAHASDA (Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act) which is a formula funding allocation. This means that tribes are given funding according to their needs, which allows larger tribes to receive the bulk of the money. The funds that are received by Chitimacha are used for various purposes such as the operations of the Housing Office, the land leases and insurance for our managed homes, and rental assistance for our elderly tribal members residing at RiverCane. We try our very best to utilize the funds in ways that will best serve numerous tribal members.

We all realize that it does get frustrating when tribal members complete a housing application and have to wait a long time to receive housing. However, with such limited funding, we are doing the best we can. In this article, I am including the HUD income guidelines that must be used when determining eligibility of a tribal member for housing services. The following is the adjusted income limit for family size and 80 percent of median income:

1	2	3	**Base 4**	5	6	7	8
33,400	38,150	42,900	47,700	51,500	55,300	59,100	62,950

The Housing Board of Commissioners has a very difficult decision to make when they choose a tribal member to receive a home when one becomes available; the Commissioners do their very best in this arduous task. The Commissioners have to choose tribal members who are willing to take the responsibility of maintaining a home seriously. The Housing Authority has to keep these homes in safe and sanitary conditions as per federal funding/regulation.

The Board of Commissioners is trying to strictly enforce their policies regarding non-payment or late payments and maintenance of units. I am asking everyone who lives in a home managed by the Authority to help us by remitting your payments on time and to maintain your homes and yards.

In recent months, the Housing Authority was working with Tribal Point, an affiliate of Capital One to help tribal members obtain a Section 184 Loan. However, we received word a couple of weeks ago, that Capital One has discontinued their partnership with Tribal Point Housing. We are continuing to work with HUD and Capital One to locate other lenders that would be willing to underwrite loans for tribal members. I did receive a call from HUD a couple of days ago that Wells Fargo is willing to help with the Section 184 loans. I would like to welcome anyone that is interested in this program to call me at 923-9125 or come by the office and I will discuss the things that I know at this time.

The following is a list of Housing Personnel and Board of Commissioners:

Marilyn Burgess, Housing Director
Danny Darden, Board Chairman
O'Neil Darden, Jr., Board Vice-Chairman
Howard Mora, Jr., Board Commissioner
Rodney Burgess, Board Commissioner
Leslie Proctor, Board Secretary-Treasurer

Just a reminder! Our monthly housing meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 P.M. at the Housing Office. The meetings are always open to Tribal Members for any discussions that they may have. If you need to be placed on the agenda, please call me by 5:00 P.M. on the Monday before the meeting.

News from Chitimacha Fire Protection

Rick Cook, Fire Chief

Quarterly Activities

Training; Since our last newsletter, we continue to conduct monthly meetings and drills here at the Fire Department. The drills conducted during this quarter were Fire Apparatus Response, Ground Ladder Elevations, Apparatus Pump Operations, Incident Command, and Search & Rescue Tactics. The Firefighter One class was completed in August with the candidates, Clarence Clark and Kered Parro awaiting their written test results from LSU Fire and Emergency Institute of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

District Activities; Monthly Fire Extinguisher Inspections, Fire Pre-Planning, Fire Hydrant, Public Relations and Building Inspections are conducted throughout Tribal areas and the surrounding community. These services are provided to maintain proper codes and to lessen fire potential. October is Fire Prevention Month and our department's personnel will be conducting this important prevention activity for the district educational facilities. Chitimacha Fire Protection employee, Deborah Guardia will spearhead this program.

Interdepartmental Programs; Chitimacha Fire Protection utilizes a formal delegation process to conduct essential departmental activities. Each employee is delegated a departmental responsibility to perform. This managerial approach assists in maintaining expedience, accountability and ultimately successful completion of each component. An example of these types of components would be Pre-Incident Fire Planning. This activity consists of a Quick Access Plan of each commercial facility within our district that may contain hazards pertaining to our response efforts. This information would provide immediate facility information regarding fire apparatus access, utility services entries, available water supplies, building construction type and facility contact information.

All of this information equates to affording adequate and appropriate response, safety and property conservation. This delegation process also includes documenting, occupancy awareness, and the compilation of all applicable data into a computer database program for historical and future reference. Additional personnel delegations include, Fire Hydrants, Hose testing, Fire Prevention, Building Inspections, Frequency of Fire Apparatus Maintenance, Apparatus Pump Testing, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus maintenance (SCBA), Apparatus / Communication Inventory, and Training.

Chitimacha Fire Protection Continued

Each of these components is an essential mechanism and no one component is given priority over another. This process has proven to be a very effective tool in allowing our personnel the authority to develop and refine their prospective duties. Employment of this type of management style assures the success of our emergency response organization.

Notices; Our request for a new Attack Pumper through the FEMA Aid To Firefighters Grant Program is still in the hands of the grant application reviewers. The fire apparatus we have requested has state of the art technology including: a PTO driven generator, through the booster tank ladder storage, hose bed capacity of 1200 feet of 5 inch supply hose and other highly technical features to accommodate our desire to provide the best services possible to the community. Fire Department personnel are available to inspect your smoke detectors and home fire extinguishers. Training is also available in the proper operation of residential fire extinguishers. Call the department and a firefighter will be happy to assist you. If any assistance is needed involving a Child Restraint Seat or other devices related to motor vehicle transport of children, Deborah Guardia, who is trained in this area, can provide invaluable assistance. ☺

Emergency Responses; Responses for the month of April ’07 @ (31) , May ’07 @ (26), June ‘07 @ (29), and July 07 @ (28).

Chitimacha Fire Protection Volunteer applications are available at the fire department for those who want to be part of a rewarding profession in serving your community.

“Prevention is our Intention”

CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

AUGUST:

CASES: (29)

9 Civil Actions (4 Garnishments/3 CV Complaints/1 CV Environmental Violation/1 Petition. For Exparte Orders)

14 Domestic (12 Petition for Disbursement of Funds/1 Petition for Change in Custody/1 Petition for Child Support)

2 Criminal

2 Traffic

2 Juvenile

MORTGAGES AND LIENS: (10)
(9 Assignment/Liens/ 1 Form UCC-1)

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS: (02)
(1 Property Use Agreement/1 Donation)

TOTAL ACTIONS PROCESSED IN AUGUST, 2007 (41)

CASES PENDING AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2007

TRIBAL COURT: (41)

22 CIVIL
09 DOMESTIC
05 CRIMINAL
02 TRAFFIC
03 JUVENILE

COURT SESSIONS:

TRIBAL COURT: AUGUST

The first regular session was conducted on **August 14, 2007,** at which time **27** matters were scheduled to be heard. Four matters were reset for later dates and six (6) matters were dismissed.

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(05) CRIMINAL

A special session was conducted on August 20, 2007, with three (3) matters scheduled.

(01) CIVIL
(02) JUVENILE

The second regular session was conducted on **August 28, 2007,** at which time **40** matters were scheduled to be heard. Five (5) matters were reset for later dates and one (1) matter was disposed of prior to hearing.

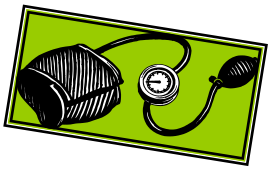
(09) DOMESTIC
(01) TRAFFIC
(04) CIVIL
(03) JUVENILE
(00) PROBATE
(23) CRIMINAL

Our next regular session is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 25, 2007**, with open sessions beginning at **10:00 a.m.**

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at (337) 923-7806; or come by anytime. We are located at 343 Navarro St., Chitimacha Reservation; and our regular office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

CHITIMACHA HEALTH FAIR

The Chitimacha Health Department will be hosting a health fair for the Chitimacha community. There will be booths set up with a variety of health information. The community health nurse and assistants will be checking blood glucose and blood pressure. There will be drawings for prizes and just a lot of fun for everyone. Many different departments will be participating in this annual event.



Make plans to attend

Date: **October 16, 2007**
Time: **1:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.**
Location: **CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL GYM**

Health Department News

Wishing you Good Health!

By Madeline Phelps

Help us keep up-to-date records, please inform Brittany of any changes in insurance, address, or telephone number. Call Brittany @ 923-9955, press # 1.

Dental Clinic:

Since the Dental Clinic is only open one day per week it is extremely important to notify Brittany if you are unable to keep an appointment. If we are notified in advance we can easily schedule another patient.

Weekly Screening:

Every Wednesday morning the Community Health Nurse (CHN) and Community Health Representatives (CHR's) hold a clinic @ Rivercane starting @ 7:30a.m. Stop by to have your blood pressure/blood sugar taken!

Diabetes Support:

Our dietician Judith Dupuis provides education during our Diabetes Prevention Activities. A Diabetes Breakfast Activity is held the first Wednesday of every month at Rivercane @ 7:30 a.m. We welcome Tribal Members and spouses! Reminder diabetics: Don't forget to schedule your yearly consultation with Judith. Contact Judith Dupuis @ 923-9955, ext. 3011 for scheduling or more information.

Pharmacy:

Since Natalie Gaspard left her position as pharmacy technician, Ryan & Ms. Savitra no longer have assistance in filling prescriptions. As you know Ryan & Ms. Savitra are in the pharmacy a few short hours, they usually fill "new" prescriptions and if there is time left they attempt to fill some or all of the refills, at times it is not possible for them to fill every order. Whenever possible please call in "refill" prescriptions on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday (if you plan to pick up your prescriptions the same day you call in) as Christie is available more hours and has more time to assist you with prescription refill needs. Please phone in medication refills 3-5 days in advance.

Contract Health Service:

Services obtained off-site; referral required for off-site services. A "purchase order" form must be obtained from the Health Department (I.H.S./CHS) office for each & every visit to a healthcare provider prior to visit. Individuals with private insurance or Medicare must obtain purchase order if you are requesting that I.H.S./CHS pay the balance. Emergency Services: you have seventy-two (72) hours to notify the health department in the case of emergency visit. Report to Millie @ 337-923-9955, Ext. 3004.

Reminder:

When hospital services are required these are the hospitals to utilize, Franklin Foundation Hospital, Iberia Medical Center or Lafayette General Hospital. Individuals with private insurance should utilize hospitals named in your insurance network. If you have any questions contact Millie.

Some bills are not sent to the Health Department by your healthcare provider, should you receive medical bills/statements such as anesthesia, radiology/or other provider you should bring them to Millie or Pam as soon as possible. You may also call the provider to assure they have the correct billing/insurance information.

"Alternate Resource":

The health care resources other than those of the Indian Health Service. Example: Medicare, Medicaid, or Private Insurance

Should a client meet the eligibility guidelines to qualify for an alternate resource, clients will be required to apply for that resource if available and accessible.

Contact Ann Olds (Medicaid Enrollment Representative): 337-923-9955, Ext. 3002 for more information. Ann is available to assist you in completion of the Medicaid application process.

- Once Medicaid is approved, the Medicaid office will re-certify your case periodically.
- It is client responsibility to respond to requests made by the Medicaid Office.

Report/provide the following to Ann:

- Report any changes in Medicaid status to Ann.
- Bring documentation of denial or changes in Medicaid status.

DIABETES PROGRAM - Cooking Class - Learning to Eat Healthy!

By Judith Dupuis, Dietician

The Recipe below was prepared at the Diabetes Cooking Class held on August 22, 2007 at Rivercane. A Special Thank You to ***Ms. Helen Mora*** for sharing her cookbook with us: ***"The Daily Iberian and Cajun Sugar Co-op 2005 Cajun/Creole Cookbook"***. One little change was made to protect the heart-valves of our participants and that was the addition of Extra Virgin Olive Oil (a good fat). I also want to thank John P. Darden for the great job he did cooking on the grill and thank his staff for working along with us! My appreciation goes out to our "special team" that worked very hard helping me put this event together. Thank you Lori, Elaine & Norma!

Reference: The Daily Iberian and Cajun Sugar Co-op 2005 CAJUN/CREOLE COOKBOOK

Shrimp and Crabmeat Eggplant Casserole

1 stick butter and ¼ cup Extra Virgin Olive Oil
2 cups peeled raw shrimp
1 (8 ounce) container crabmeat
1 large onion, chopped
2 ribs celery, chopped
1 bell pepper, chopped
2 tablespoons minced garlic
1 small eggplant, peeled and chopped
½ + ¼ cup bread crumbs

- Sauté onion, pepper, celery and garlic in butter until wilted. Add eggplant and smother until clear (may bring eggplant to a boil to get the bitterness out).
- Add shrimp and crabmeat and simmer just until shrimp is pink. Add ½ cup water (maybe less as the eggplant may already have a lot of moisture) and ½ cup bread crumbs.
- Pour into greased casserole dish and top with ¼ cup bread crumbs and bake 20 – 25 minute at 350º or until bubbly.
- Yield: 8-10 servings

For those who like a little spice you can add the following:
Cayenne, Salt and Tony Cacheries

Come & join us next time!

Recreation News
September 2007

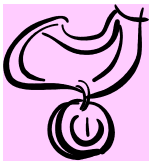
Pool: The pool will close on October 1, 2007, and will be covered until the spring.

Cross Country: Practices began with late evening runs battling the heat and mosquitoes. The loop at Ralph Darden Parkway provided a safe training route. After the heat and the mosquitoes came the torrential downpours. As long as the lightning was absent, the kids ran. The adverse training conditions paid off as we entered our first cross country meet. Chitimacha hosted the Tenth Annual "Run the Trail" Cross Country Meet on Tuesday, September 18th. Although the trail has been changed throughout the years due to facility and community growth, our team has remained constant. Teams competing at this year's race included: Highland Baptist, Glencoe Charter, St. John, and Chitimacha, for a total of 103 runners. **Nata Sedatol** showed his natural running ability by claiming second place with a time of 8:39 in the 1.5 mile course, finishing behind a Highland Baptist ninth grader. As you can see in the photo, no one is in sight as he crosses the finish line. Also clocking in with a time of 10:16 was **Nick Boudreaux** with a great running performance. Next in the Chitimacha Squad was newcomer **Joshua Darden** with a time of 11:22. Along with Josh, other runners, **Kale Delcambre** 11:48, **Bailey Hebert** 12:26, **Drake Hewitt** 12:41 and **Kyle Darden** 13:29 rounded out the top 7 scorers which earned Chitimacha boys a third place team trophy. Next in the scoring were: **Caleb Darden**, **Gavin Brown, Russell Aucoin, and Reid Simoneaux**.

Pictured @ left **Nata Sedatol** finishes a strong second place behind a ninth grader from Highland.

Chitimacha Boys are pictured @ right with the trophy they received after placing third in the meet. They are as follows: Kneeling, **Reid Simoneaux and Russell Aucoin**. Standing, (L to R) **Kale Delcambre, Nata Sedatol, Nick Boudreaux, Bailey Hebert, Josh Darden, Drake Hewitt, and Gavin Brown.** Missing from the photo are **Kyle and Caleb Darden**.

In the girls division, having only three runners does not qualify us for team points. However, the three young ladies had a fantastic showing. **Kaylee Cormier** put the bright spot on Chitimacha claiming the second place title with a time of 10:51. **Erica Compton** had a great race coming in seventh with a time of 13:10. **Sherry Higgins** performed well at 15:10. Next week's race takes us to Glencoe Charter School to compete in a little longer course of 1.9 miles. We'd like to thank the following volunteers for helping with registration and results: **Mary McGeary, Nicole Hebert, Holly Battaglia, Sally Michel, and Sarah Parro**, along with **Tasia Bernard** from the Chitimacha Police Department and **Billy Mora** of Maintenance, for help with setting up and acting as a course marshall. Teche Talk was on the premises capturing video from the race. Be on the lookout for highlights from the race.



Pictured @ right **Kaylee Cormier** sprints to the finish line to beat a High-land runner out of second place.

Pictured @ left are our Chitimacha Cross Country Girls: **Erica Compton, Sherry Higgins, and Kaylee Cormier,** proudly wearing their medals won at the Chitimacha Cross Country Meet, held on Tuesday, September 18.

Recreation News Continued

Soccer: Games are being held on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning at 6:00 PM. With only one rainout so far, games have been played as scheduled. A total of 12 teams with 123 participants between the ages of 5 and 13, make up this year's soccer league. Thanks to our wonderful coaches and faithful concession workers, **Carla Newman, Mary McGeary and Ariel Marsh.** In the past years, we have had an invasion of red ants. This year, **Clint Bishop** came to our rescue and broadcasted our fields with a granule that seems to be the answer to the ant invasion. A big thank you goes out to Clint for the ant poison, use of his equipment, and time that he spent in volunteering for us.

A couple action shots were taken of the 5-6 Blue vs Red and 7-8 Blue vs Red Teams.

Nina Darden and Jasmine Derouen take a break during their 5-6 Soccer Game on September 19th.

Flag Football: Registration will be held September 24 and 25 for boys ages 6-10. Jr. High teams will also be participating again this year, along with Chitimacha. Tryouts/Player Rating will be held for ages 6-10 on Wednesday, October 3, at the Sports Complex at 6:00 PM. Practices will be held the first two weeks in October with the first game to begin on October 15. Games will be played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and one Thursday (due to Halloween).

Volleyball: Chitimacha Jr. High girls will be competing in the Chitimacha Tribal School's Gym on the same nights as Flag Football games. We look forward to competing against Glencoe Charter, Highland Baptist, and possibly St. Joe.

Rug Rat Races: The Annual Rug Rat Races will be held in the month of October with information being sent out soon.

Be sure to glance at the marquis for the latest information in Recreation.

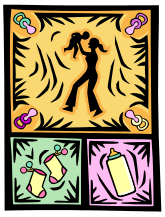
News from Yaamahana
by
Kathleen Flanagan

Fall is here and things are hopping at Yaamahana. Please mark your calendars for upcoming events:

Wednesday, October 3, 2007- Two, three and four-year olds visit a Pumpkin Patch in Lafayette.

Thursday, October 4, 2007 – Parent Night with John Struck and Marsha LaSollette at 6:00 PM.

Friday, October 12, 2007 – Yaamahana closed for Staff In-Service Training.



Tuesday, November 27 – Parent Night with Claudia Able.

Yaamahana provides developmental screenings to Tribal children between the ages of 6 weeks and 5-years-old who are not attending our child care center. If you are interested in having your child screened, please contact Francine Bonin or Kathleen Flanagan at 923-0100 or visit our booth at the Health Fair on October 16, 2007.

Proper Child Restraint Recommendations

Conditions	Infants		Toddlers	Older Children
Weight and Age	• Birth to at least 1 year old AND at least 20 pounds	• Birth to at least 1 year old • More than 20 pounds and less than 35 pounds	Over 1 year old, over 20 pounds, up to approximately 40 pounds	Over 40 pounds, ages 4-8, unless 4'9" tall
Type of Seat	Infant only or rear - facing convertible	Rear-facing convertible designed for heavier infants	Convertible/ forward-facing/ high-back booster with harness	Belt-positioning booster (high-back or no-back)
Seat Position	Rear-facing only		Forward-facing	Forward-facing
Always Make Sure	Harness straps are at, or below shoulder level.		Harness straps should be at, or above, shoulder level.	Belt-positioning booster seats are used with lap/shoulder belt combination only.
Remember	Do not place infants in the front seat of vehicles with air bags.		5-point harnesses provide the best protection.	Make sure the lap belt portion fits low and tight to avoid abdominal injuries.

Children 12 and under are safest when properly restrained in the rear seat. Keep children rear-facing as long as possible. Always refer to the child safety seat instructions and vehicle manufacture's instructions for weight limits, proper use and installation. This advertisement's publication is a stipulation of grant funds received.

CHITIMACHA INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM

NEWS from CPSC U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs — Washington, DC 20207

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Simplicity's Recall Hotline: (888) 593-9274
CPSC Hotline: (800) 638-2772
CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908
Simplicity Media Contact: (713) 301-0733

About 1 Million Simplicity Cribs Recalled Due To Failures Resulting in Infant Deaths

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is announcing today a voluntary recall with Simplicity Inc., of Reading, Pa., of about 1 million cribs. The drop-side can detach from the crib, which can create a dangerous gap and lead to the entrapment and suffocation of infants. CPSC is aware of two deaths in Simplicity manufactured cribs with older style hardware, including a 9-month-old child and a 6-month-old child, where the drop-side was installed upside down. CPSC is also aware of seven infant entrapments and 55 incidents in these cribs.

CPSC is also investigating the death of a 1-year-old child in a Simplicity crib with newer style hardware, in which the drop-side was installed upside down. CPSC is warning parents and caregivers to check all Simplicity cribs to make sure the drop-side is installed right side up.

The drop-side failures result from both the hardware and crib design, which allow consumers to unintentionally install the drop-side upside down. This, in turn, can weaken the hardware and cause the drop-side to detach from the crib. When the drop-side detaches, it creates a gap in which infants can become entrapped.

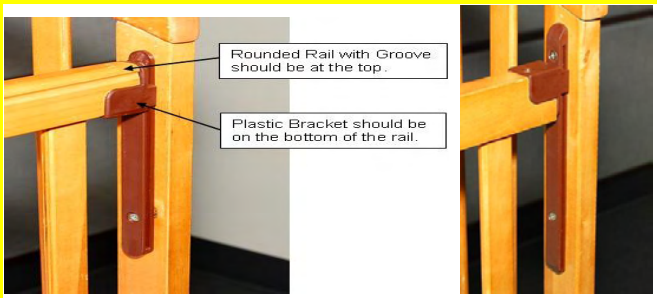
CPSC is also aware of two incidents that occurred when the drop-side was correctly installed with older style hardware, though the upside down installation greatly increases the risk of failure.

The recalled Simplicity crib models include: Aspen 3 in 1, Aspen 4 in 1, Nursery-in-a-Box, Crib N Changer Combo, Chelsea and Pooh 4 in 1. The recall also involves the following Simplicity cribs that used the Graco logo: Aspen 3 in 1, Ultra 3 in 1, Ultra 4 in1, Ultra 5 in 1, Whitney and the Trio.

The recalled cribs have one of the following model numbers, which can be found on the envelope attached to the mattress support and on the label attached to the headboard: 4600, 4605, 4705, 5000, 8000, 8324, 8800, 8740, 8910, 8994, 8050, 8750, 8760, and 8996.

The cribs, which were made in China, were sold in department stores, children's stores and mass merchandisers nationwide from January 1998 through May 2007 for between $100 and

As an immediate precaution, consumers should check to see if the drop-side is installed right side up. To do this, check to see that the slightly rounded rail with the decorative groove is installed at the top and the plain rail is on the bottom. Next, consumers should make sure the drop-side is securely attached to the tracks in all four corners.



Close-up of a Correctly Installed Drop-side

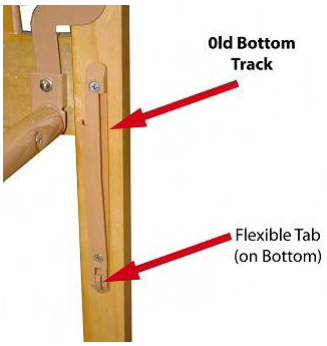
Close-up of an Incorrectly Installed Drop-side

ATTENTION: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If the drop-side is installed upside down or not securely attached, consumers should stop using the crib immediately. Incorrect installation can cause permanent damage to the hardware and re-installing the drop-side using the same hardware is unsafe.

Consumers should check to see if their crib contains the recalled hardware. Recalled hardware has a flexible tab at the bottom of the lower tracks and the top of the lower tracks are open. Newer hardware, which is not subject to the recall, has the flexible tab located at the top of the lower track, and a permanent stop at the bottom.

Photo of Older Style Hardware



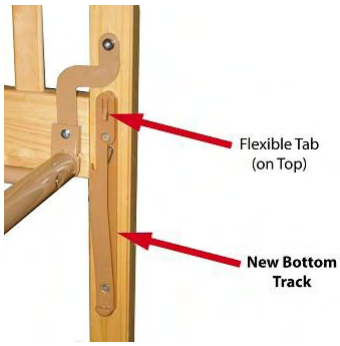


Photo of Newer Style Hardware

Consumers who have a crib with older style hardware can receive a free repair by immediately contacting Simplicity toll-free at (888) 593-9274 between 8:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. ET Monday through Thursday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET on Friday, and between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET on Saturday, or by visiting the firm's Web site at www.simplicityforchildren.com

Consumers who have a crib with newer style hardware and have installed the drop-side upside down or have broken hardware, should also contact Simplicity immediately.

Consumer Action Guide

Style of Crib Hardware	Consumer Response
Older Hardware	*Recalled: Consumers should contact Simplicity immediately for a free repair.*
Newer Hardware	*Warning: Consumers should check crib's drop-side to ensure it is assembled right side up and inspect for broken hardware.*

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE "EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR" WINNER!!!!

Pictured (L to R): Chief Lonnie Martin, Elda Talley & Peggy Gaddy

Ms. Elda Talley was announced as the winner for the **Employee of the Year 2007**. The announcement was made September 14, 2007, following the Employee of the Year Banquet.

Picture (L to R): Brandon Bergeron, Darlene Bergeron, Dena Savoie and Ms. Elda Talley.

Ms. Elda Talley has been employed with the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana since March 2, 1998. She is employed as a Cook at the Chitimacha Rivercane Facility. In this position, she starts work bright and early to prepare lunch for the elders on the Chitimacha Reservation. Ms. Elda is a Chitimacha Tribal member and she currently resides on the Chitimacha Reservation; she is the widow of Jessie Talley. She is the mother of six children; Albert Talley (deceased), Elda Talley, Laura Ann Savoie, Ernie Talley, Linda Talley and Richard Talley (deceased). She has thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. What she enjoys most about her job is ….."cooking and helping people out."

CONGRATULATIONS —"SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR" WINNER!!!!

Pictured (L to R): Chief Lonnie Martin, Kathleen Flanagan & Peggy Gaddy

Ms. Kathleen Flanagan was announced as the winner for the **Supervisor of the Year 2007**. The announcement was made September 14, 2007, following the Employee of the Year Banquet.

Pictured (L to R): Tommy McNulty, Kathleen McNulty, Jimmy Flanagan, Peggy Charpentier, Kathleen Flanagan, Rene Stirling & Jeannette Piette.

Ms. Kathleen Flanagan has been employed with the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana since August 4, 1997. She is employed as a Child Development Director for the Yaamahana/Chitimacha Child Development Center. She provides management and oversight in regards to all operations of the center; ensuring high-quality care is provided to all children. Ms. Kathleen is a native of Franklin, Louisiana and she currently resides in New Iberia, Louisiana with her husband Jimmy Flanagan. They have two children Patrick Flanagan and Kerry Flanagan. Her hobbies are reading, exercising and decorating around the house. What she enjoys most about her job is ….."The Tribe has placed high values on education which allows her to effectively perform her job to ensure that quality childcare is provided. Having good employees working at Yaamahana. Working with professional people within the tribal organization and most of all tribal departments working together as a team to resolve problems."

Other 2007 …… Employee of the Year Nominees

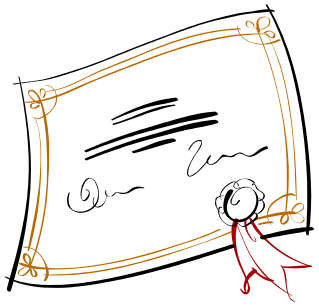
Christine Barard
Chitimacha Gaming Commission
Compliance Officer

Ann Kimberly Cook
Chitimacha Administration
Office Assistant

Jackie Darden
Chitimacha Tribal Courts
Senior Deputy Clerk

Geretta Dugas
Chitimacha Trading Post
Cashier

Juanita Dugas
Chitimacha Public Works
Custodian



Other 2007 …… Employee of the Year Nominees

Jason Green
Gaming Commission
Compliance Officer

Leroy
Landry

Rivercane

Maintenance
Worker

(Middle): Roselyn Landry
Chitimacha Police Department
TAC Communications Officer

Terri
Louviere

Gaming
Commission

Compliance
Officer

Billy Mora
Public Works Department
Maintenance Worker

Other 2007 …… Employee of the Year Nominees

Tori Louviere
Chitimacha Tribal School
4th Grade Teacher

Joshua Mora
Information Systems Dept.
Information Systems Specialist

Natalie Rodriguez
Chitimacha Child Development Center
Lead Child Care Provider

Roberta Sexton
Chitimacha Gaming Commission
Compliance Officer

Congratulations to all nominees on all their hard work and dedication to the Tribe!

Other 2007 …… Supervisor of the Year Nominees

Antoine Dressel
Chitimacha Gaming Commission
Shift Supervisor

Roxanne Jolet
Chitimacha Gaming Commission
Shift Supervisor

Ellen Hebert
Chitimacha Police Department
Patrol Officer/ Admin Secretary

Kenneth Perry, Sr.
Chitimacha Fire Department
Fire Captain

Mackolyn
Petry

Gaming
Commission

Investigator

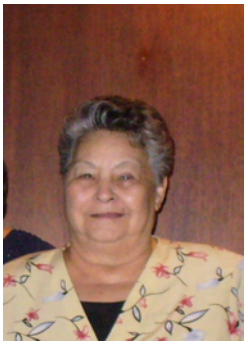
Other 2007 …… Supervisor of the Year Nominees

Tanya Rosamond
Chitimacha Tribal School
Principal

Carrie Saucier
Chitimacha Tribal Courts
Clerk of Courts

Nikina Vilcan
Finance Department

Kimberly Walden
Cultural Department



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We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during our time of sorrow.

The Darden Family

CHITIMACHA OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP

We invite you to join us for prayer, worship, and fellowship. We are non-denominational, and welcome everyone.

We meet every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. & every Sunday at 10:30 A.M. for Worship Services with Bible Study beginning at 9:00 A.M. at our new location of 2688 Chitimacha Trail (formally Bourgeois Grocery). If you have any questions please feel free to call me. Contact numbers: 923-6941 or 578-1249.

2 Corinthians 3:17
"Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty".

When Jesus comes into a human heart by faith, through the Spirit He sets that person free from the bondage of sin, the chains of death, and the futile attempt of trying to become righteous through self effort.

God Bless You,
Orien Butaud

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